

## Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 MANAGU 01057 212221Z

11

ACTION DLOS-06

INFO OCT-01 IO-14 L-03 ARA-16 COA-02 EB-11 OIC-04 ISO-00

CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-07 H-03 INR-10 NSAE-00 NSC-07

PA-04 RSC-01 PRS-01 SPC-03 SS-20 USIA-15 ACDA-19

AEC-11 AGR-20 CG-00 COME-00 DOTE-00 FMC-04 INT-08

JUSE-00 NSF-04 OMB-01 DRC-01 /196 W

----- 044845

R 212100Z MAR 74

FM AMEMBASSY MANAGUA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3701

INFO AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA

AMEMBASSY SAN JOSE

AMEMBASSY SAN SALVADOR

AMEMBASSY TEGUCIGALPA

C O N F I D E N T I A L MANAGUA 1057

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PBOR, NU

SUBJECT: LAW OF THE SEA NEGOTIATIONS - NICARAGUAN DEVELOPMENTS

REF: STATE 36434

1. FOREIGN MINISTER MONTIEL TOLD THE AMBASSADOR MARCH 20 THAT, DURING HIS RECENT OFFICIAL VISIT TO SPAIN, THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT STRONGLY PRESSED HIM TO SUPPORT ITS POSITION ON "INNOCENT PASSAGE" THROUGH STRAITS USED FOR INTERNATIONAL NAVIGATION. MONTIEL SAID HE TOLD THE SPANISH OFFICIALS THAT THE GON WAS FIRMLY COMMITTED TO PRINCIPLE OF "FREE AND UNIMPEDED TRANSIT" THROUGH SUCH STRAITS AND COULD NOT REPEAT NOT SUPPORT INNOCENT PASSAGE POSITION.

2. FOREIGN MINISTER MONTIEL IS PLANNING TO HEAD THE GON DELEGATION TO THE LOS CONFERENCE BEGINNING IN CARACAS JUNE 20. MONTIEL WILL ATTEND THE OPEINIG SESSION AND STAY FOR APPROXIMATELY ONE WEEK. GENERAL ANASTASIO SOMOZA AND FOREIGN MINISTER MONTIEL  
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 MANAGU 01057 212221Z

HAVE TOLD THE EMBASSY THAT DR. JOSE MARIA ZELAYA UBEDA,

CURRENTLY SERVING IN THE NICARAGUAN UN MISSION AT NEW YORK, WILL BE GIVEN SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR HANDLING LOS MATTERS WITHIN THE GON AND WILL BE A PERMANENT DELEGATE TO THE UN LOS CONFERENCE.

3. THE NEW NICARAGUAN CONSTITUTION WHICH RECEIVED FINAL APPROVAL ON MARCH 14 PROVIDED FOR SOVEREIGNTY OVER THE TERRITORIAL SEA AND CONTINENTAL SHELF BUT DID NOT ESTABLISH ANY LIMITS ON THE EXTENSION OF THIS DOMAIN. AN AMENDMENT PROVIDING FOR A 200 MILE CONTINENTAL SHELF HAD BEEN INSERTED IN AN EARLIER VERSION BUT WAS SUBSEQUENTLY REMOVED. THE FINAL WORDING ON TERRITORIAL SOVEREIGNTY REMAINS AS REPORTED MANAGUA 741. COMMENT: GON IS THEREFORE GOING TO LOS CONFERENCE WITH A BROADLY PHRASED, FLEXIBLE CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISION FOR TERRITORIAL SOVEREIGNTY THAT WILL PERMIT ITS ACCEPTANCE OF ALMOST ANY LOS TREATIES THAT MIGHT RESULT FROM CONFERENCE.  
SHELTON

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01 JAN 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** LAW OF THE SEA, CONSTITUTION, SOVEREIGNTY, CONTINENTAL SHELF, TERRITORIAL WATERS, NEGOTIATIONS, MEETINGS, FOREIGN POLICY POSITION  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 21 MAR 1974  
**Decaption Date:** 01 JAN 1960  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Authority:** golinofr  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 28 MAY 2004  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1974MANAGU01057  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** GS  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Film Number:** D740060-1038  
**From:** MANAGUA  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1974/newtext/t19740326/aaaaaygw.tel  
**Line Count:** 77  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Office:** ACTION DLOS  
**Original Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** STATE 36434  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Authority:** golinofr  
**Review Comment:** n/a  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 09 SEP 2002  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review History:** RELEASED <09 SEP 2002 by boyleja>; APPROVED <03 JAN 2003 by golinofr>  
**Review Markings:**

Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
30 JUN 2005

**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Referrals:** n/a  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** LAW OF THE SEA NEGOTIATIONS - NICARAGUAN DEVELOPMENTS  
**TAGS:** PBOR, NU  
**To:** STATE  
**Type:** TE  
**Markings:** Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005